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President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

In your yesterday's press conference you said, "I know of no evidence that would cause any reasonable person to have a doubt about the Warren Commission". This is not quite the same as saying "a doubt about the Report of the Warren Commission." About this Report, to be kind, there is nothing but doubt. If you do not share this doubt it can be only because of the heavy burdens of your office that prevent your intimate knowledge of details and because you have not read my book, WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT.

Following its publication I sent copies to members of the Commission and its staff as well as several agency heads in the executive branch. In each case I asked that any error in my work be called to my attention. This has not happened in a single instance. It cannot happen because there is nothing in my book that does not come from the evidence of the Commission.

Further, I would encourage you and your advisers to consider that what has thus far appeared in print is far from the last thing that will.

I ~~am~~ continue to research and write in this field and I believe I know what I am speaking of when I suggest that you ask of whoever may be reading the literature for you this simple question, especially about my work, "Suppose it is true?"

Your final comment is one on which I would appreciate amplification:"But if there is any evidence and it is brought forth, I am sure that the Commission and the appropriate authorities will take what action that may be justified." With the Commission out of existence, how can it? This being the case, who are the appropriate authorities and what kind of action can they take? Are there any authorities that are not involved in those things about which action may eventually be required?

The evidence has been brought forth. It is in my book. The source of everything is given. There is no question but that evidence was tampered with and destoryed, and on an official level. I very much fear the public reaction, especially the misdirection of public reaction, when this is generally understood. I also fear the possible consequences and implications, especially as we get closer to 1968. The integrity of our institutions and our society are involved. I strongly urge you to give deeper and more responsive consideration to this matter than your comment reflects. If there is any way in which I can help you in this matter, you have only to ask me. I believe my knowledge of the field is second to none. I believe I have spent more times in it than any member of the Commission or its staff and I know I have seen what the members of the Commission have not seen.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg